



WA Rangers Association 2021 Professional Development Conference



15 & 16 September 2021
Joondalup Resort



The WA Rangers Association 2021 Professional Development Conference will be held at Joondalup Resort, Country Club Boulevard, Connolly, WA this year on the 15 & 16 September 2021.

To register please fill out a Registration form and send back to conference@warangers.asn.au

Awards Dinner – will be held on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7pm. (Pre-Dinner drinks at 6:30pm)

Registration Fees

One Day	members \$300	Non-members \$350
Two Day	members \$550	Non-members \$650

2021 Program

Please note that due to circumstances that may occur beyond WARA's control, this program may be subject to change



Conference Program

Wednesday 15 September 2021

08:00 - 08:30	Delegate Registration	
08:30 - 08:40	Master of Ceremonies Welcome	
08:40 - 08:45	WARA President's Welcome	Dene Lawrence President
08.45 – 09:15	Welcome	
09.15 - 10:00	Fire Risk Management	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
10:00 - 10:15	Morning Tea	Networking Session
10:15 – 10:30	Sponsor	
10:30 – 11:00	Emergency Management	
11.00 – 11:30	Dog Act and Cat Act Update	Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries
11:30 – 12:00	Panel Discussion – Dog Act & Cat Act	
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	
12.45 – 13:45	Roaming Cats & Cat Owner Education Program	Mike Calver Murdoch University
13:45 - 14.15	Best Practice – Animal Care Facilities	Tracey Lord
14.15 - 15.00	Dog Attacks/Dangerous Dogs	Tim Houweling & Bronwyn Waugh Cornerstone Legal
15.00 - 15:30	Afternoon Tea	Networking Session
15:30 – 16.30	AGM & Committee Elections	
16.30	Close	

Annual Awards Dinner

18:30 Pre Dinner Drinks

19:00 Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.

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Conference Program

Thursday 16 September 2021

08:00 - 08:25	Delegate Registration	
08:25 - 08:30	Welcome (MC)	
08:30 - 09:00	Crimestoppers	Vince Huges Crimestoppers
09:00 – 10:30	Legal Discussion – Investigations and Court	Peter Gillett Mcleods Barristers & Solicitors
10:30 – 10:45	Morning Tea	Networking Session
10:45 - 11:00	Sponsor	
11:00 - 11:30	Body Cameras	
11:30 – 12:00	Livestock Identification	Anita James DPIRD
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 13:45	Illicit drugs and drug contamination, changing trends and emerging threats to officer safety	Paul Newell
13:45 – 14:30	“Control” – controlling you fears	Bob Cooper Bob Coopers Outdoor Adventure
14.30 – 14:45	Afternoon Tea	Networking Session
14:45 – 15:45	Mental Health	Deb Reveley Brain Ambulance
15:45 - 16:00	Conference Review	
16:10 - 16:30	Certificate Presentation & Conference Closure	
16:30 - 17:30	Networking	

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Conference Presenters

Below are some of the Presenters at the Conference



Panel Discussion – Dog Act & Cat Act

Tim Beckett joined McLeods Barristers and Solicitors in 2006 and became a partner of the firm in 2017. Tim graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2005 having completed a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts. Tim regularly carries out prosecutions for local governments under various legislation, including the Planning and Development Act 2005, Building Act 2011, Food Act 2008, and Dog Act 1976. Tim has represented local governments in many jurisdictions, including the Magistrates Court, District Court, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and State Administrative Tribunal.

Tim is a frequent contributor to local government publications, writing a number of articles specifically related to enforcement issues in local government. He has also delivered seminars on local government compliance issues and lectured at Curtin University.



Panel Discussion – Dog Act & Cat Act

Roz Robinson is the CEO of Cat Haven, WA's only open admission cat shelter taking in around 8,000 cats and kittens a year. Roz has worked at Cat Haven for 15 years in a number of roles including Community Relations Manager and Operations Manager, before taking on the position of CEO.

During her time at Cat Haven she has worked closely with the Barnett State Government to introduce a Cat Law which included mandatory desexing and microchipping as well as working closely with local government to provide quality Cat Care via Cat Haven's Cat Management Facility.

Other achievements during this time include overseeing the reduction of Cat Haven's euthanasia from 73% when she started to its current level of 10 %- something she is very proud of. Other changes she has made include early age desexing at the on-site clinic, the introduction of an extensive foster care programme, rehoming of FIV cats, treating cats infested with ringworm, a network of over 20 external adoption centres and a nursing home programme which currently has 23 older cats bringing joy and companionship to those in their twilight years. Roz lives with her partner and their 24 year old Cat Haven Shipton



Cats – Owned & Unowned

Emeritus Professor Michael Calver is an animal ecologist in the Environmental and Conservation Sciences discipline at Murdoch University. As well as running the biological sciences Happy Hour (well attended by colleagues from the neighbouring Veterinary Biology building), he has been publishing on cat ecology since 1999. He has a special interest in how pet cats can be husbanded for good cat welfare outcomes and protection of wildlife, so that people may enjoy all the pleasures of owning a cat while minimizing problems.



Best Practice – Animal Care Facilities

Tracey Lord has a Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services and has spent many years working in animal training and animal welfare. Tracey works within Local Government at the City of South Perth Animal Care Facility and understands the industry. Tracey’s mission is to enrich the human-animal bond through the application of scientifically based techniques of training, management, and behaviour modification.

Tracey has previously worked as the Senior Behavioural Technician at Kalmpets and was the Head Trainer at the Dogs Refuge Home. Tracey was also a Trainer and Assessor at RSPCA. Tracey has worked with animals and their owners to address a wide range of behavioural issues and focuses on creating a harmonious relationship between animal and owner. In Tracey’s spare time she enjoys training and competing in Dog agility and sheep trialling.



Dog Attacks & Dangerous Dogs

Tim Houweling regularly appears in the Supreme and District Courts as well as the Magistrates Court. He practices in the State Administrative Tribunal. Tim has worked on some of the most high-profile land compensation claims in Western Australia, he has gained a reputation for his robust representation. With over 20 years’ experience, Tim is an exemplary solicitor and litigator and has set precedents in law. Tim’s wealth of experience also extends to arguing for approvals for subdivision and development approvals.

Whilst his passion and talent lie in land compensation, Tim is also well-versed in providing advice on all manner of provisions within the various Acts of Parliament, delegated legislation and regulations, local governments, town planning and environmental law.

Tim also represents clients in Court in matters related to Occupational Health & Safety. On occasion, he will take on selected criminal matters where he feels there is a need for assistance to ensure the proper administration of justice. An experienced litigator, with a strong moral compass, he knows how to raise and defend charges to ensure that the correct and preferable decision is reached.



Dog Attacks & Dangerous Dogs

Bronwyn Waugh is a highly skilled lawyer with a heart of gold. Bronwyn has been an imperative part of the Cornerstone Legal team since 2014 and has over 15 years of experience under her belt. She has worked in various roles both in Australia and internationally. During this time, she has amassed a wealth of practical experience in a number of areas, most notably Local Government, Corporate, Employment, Occupational Health & Safety, Litigation, Property and Native Title Law.

Well-versed in the complexities associated with delegated legislation and prominent issues facing Local Governments, she is a competent advocate and capable of providing guidance in respect of many of the nuances and delicate circumstances that can arise.



Crimestoppers

Dr Vince Hughes is the CEO Crime Stoppers Western Australia, Director Crime Stoppers Australia and Director Crime Stoppers International. Vince has demonstrated history of working in the law enforcement, intelligence and the public safety industry. He is skilled in government leadership development, project management, investigation, and cyber resilience planning.

Vince has held senior public sector roles at the Public Sector Commission, WA Police, Corruption and Crime Commission and the National Crime Authority. Prior to this he was a police officer in the Republic of Ireland. Vince has published papers in the area of knowledge management and intelligence. Qualified executive coach with International Coaching Federation and certified cyber officer with International Cyber Threat Task Force.



Legal Discussion – Investigations & Court

Peter Gillett has been with McLeods Barristers and Solicitors since graduating in 2002 and became a partner of the Firm in 2012. Peter has particular expertise in local government law enforcement. He has carried out numerous prosecutions for local governments under the Planning and Development Act 2005, Health Act 1911, Local Government Act 1995, Building Act 2011 and other relevant local government legislation.

Peter has appeared as Counsel in a range of jurisdictions including the Magistrates Court, District Court, State Administrative Tribunal, Liquor Licensing Court and the civil and appellate jurisdictions of the Supreme Court. Many of the recent Supreme Court appeals against sentences conducted by Peter on behalf of local government have become the leading cases in relation to sentencing for local government offences in Western Australia.

Peter frequently prepares papers and presents seminars to local government in relation to the enforcement of local government legislation and the processes necessary to make local government law enforcement more efficient and effective.



Livestock Identification

Anita James has been with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Agriculture Department) for over 30 years. Anita is a gazetted regulatory officer specialising in livestock identification and traceability. She has expert knowledge of the Biosecurity Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013 and the subsequent obligations for Pound Operators and Rangers when dealing with livestock.

The legislation also provides assistance to rangers that are dealing with recalcitrant livestock owners that are not registered and for unidentified livestock, using warning letters or Infringement Notices issued by an Authorised Compliance Inspector. Anita provides ongoing support to rangers with bi-monthly update emails, onsite training and the creation of Ranger Infosheets that provide a succinct process to deal with the different livestock types.



Illicit drugs and drug contamination, changing trends and emerging threats to officer safety

Paul Newell FRACI CCHEM. Paul is an Australian and internationally recognised expert in illicit drug manufacture, drug contamination and operational safety, and is a subject matter expert for the 'United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime' (UNODC).

Paul is an author and co-author of multiple UNODC technical guidelines covering safe handling, management and disposal of chemicals from illicit drug manufacture in non-secure environments, as well as operational safe handling and management of synthetic opioids for law enforcement and customs officers.

Paul is also the principal author of the Australian national guidelines for the 'Remediation of Clandestine Drug Laboratory Sites' and is a contributing author to the Western Australian Clandestine Drug Laboratory Management Guidelines as well as a number of specialist operational safety and technical procedures for illicit drug related environments ranging from synthetic drugs to hydroponic cannabis grow operations.

Paul holds degrees in chemistry and environmental science as well as formal qualifications in forensic investigation and intelligence, is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and hold associate membership of the Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists Association.

Paul has more than 20 years' experience working in the field of illicit drugs, clandestine drug manufacture, illicit drug intelligence, law enforcement, chemical and precursor diversion and Government regulation.



“Control” – controlling you fears

Bob Cooper was born and educated in Western Australia. Bob has delivered Outback Safety and Survival courses since 1990 and is considered the leading desert survival instructor in Australia.

Bob conducts survival courses for government agencies and private companies throughout Australia. He has instructed with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Rangers on desert survival courses over a number of years in the USA, and is a frequent guest speaker on ABC talkback radio. He has also featured in several major television documentaries. These include National Geographic America, BBC, Discovery Channel, The World Around Us and 60 Minutes. Bob is the author of best seller book Outback Survival.



Brain Ambulance – Mental Health

Deb Reveley is the CEO and principal driver of Brain Ambulance Pty Ltd, a business she started 17 years ago to deliver mental health education from the lived experience.

She has endured mental health problems since she was 25 and at 32 became house bound for 2 years with agoraphobia. She has been a teacher, a document writer, forklift driver and a Psych ward patient many times. During her more manic moments, Deb has owned a bookshop, a book café, a catering business and popped out from the psych ward for the day to run mental health training.

Deb is a Principal Master instructor of Mental Health First Aid and won the Inaugural Instructor champion Award for MHFA Australia. She is a huge advocate for recovery and the brand new challenges that brings with it.

She has recently brought CALM Suicide Prevention training to WA in response to the challenges posed by the new stressors brought about by 2020, Pandemic and a changing world.

Deb's keynote talks shamelessly expose how she loves her mental health life experience and the fun she has with it in breaking the stigma of mental health. Her honest and funny reflections of living with a mental illness will captivate your audience. She is so passionate about mental wellness and recovery she actually trademarked Keeping Sane'® Deb is often referred to as a 'healed human'.

A great storyteller, Deb gives your audience permission to utter the phrase "Keeping Sane®" and will impress.